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From: Brian.Clark@f11.n289.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Brian Clark)
Subject: Online UFO database
Date: 30 Nov 90 15:13:00 GMT

> I'm in the process of setting up an online database

Will this be available to other ParaNet sysops? I think everyone would probably be interested in this....

Brian

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From: "86FTSCCQ" <86ftscq@sacemnet.af.mil>
Subject: Information on past Rio Grande sightings
Date: 2 Dec 90 03:57:45 GMT

ATTENTION:

I'm in need of any info that the members of this net may have

about sightings up and down the Rio Grande river valley in Texas.
There is were rumors of some event that occurred in the not-to-distant
past. I get the impression that this may have been in the 70s or early
80s and involved flying objects that were sighted by multiple witnesses.
A date and location would be a good start for my research.

Thanks,

David Winters, Capt, USAF

From: Jim.Speiser@f37.n114.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Jim Speiser)
Subject: Are we becoming more respectable?
Date: 1 Dec 90 01:56:00 GMT

> From: James Roger Black <jrblack@shemtaia.weeg.uiowa.edu>
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> This week I picked up a copy of Timothy Good's "Above Top Secret" at my
> local B. Dalton bookstore. Much to my surprise, it was shelved in the
> "Current Events" section instead of under "New Age/Occult" where UFO books
> usually are.

How much ya wanna bet it was a mistake?

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> First "Out There", and now this. Maybe we're finally starting to get
> some respect.

When Bob Woodward does a book on the subject, I'll think we're getting the
respect we deserve. "Out There" hardly qualifies as respectable.

Jim

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From: Jim.Speiser@f37.n114.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Jim Speiser)
Subject: Conference Announcement
Date: 1 Dec 90 18:44:00 GMT

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The initial abstract should accurately reflect the actual paper or talk to be presented to an audience of both researchers and lay public. Please tell us of any audio/visual needs you will have, or any special requirements that your presentation will have.

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Subject: Re: Online Ufo Database
Date: 1 Dec 90 04:03:00 GMT

In a message to Jerry Woody <11-29-90 18:24> Michael Corbin wrote:

MC]>Outstanding, Jerry! What program are you using to do this?
MC]>Perhaps you might want to circulate it among the ParaNet
MC]>sysops so we can standardize the thing.

I believe Jim has one up on his system.

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From: Doug.Rogers@p0.f1.n606.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Doug Rogers)
Subject: Echo Policies
Date: 1 Dec 90 19:52:02 GMT

New readers are always joining Paranet. For their benefit, allow me to review the rules of posting which we ask all our users to adopt:

***** PARANET ECHO POLICIES *****

The following are guidelines for the operation of the Paranet Echos on member boards. Please take a moment to read (and understand) these policies. If we'll adopt these attitudes, we'll have a more polite, effective network.

1. No anonymous messages may be posted on the network. Some Paranet BBS's allow users to use "handles", and USENET users have no opportunity to place their names in the "From" field. If a user uses a handle, then all posts to Paranet Echos must be signed at the end of the message using the user's REAL NAME. In the case of USENET posts, it would help to place the ADDRESSEE's REAL NAME in the subject field. It is the responsibility of the Sysop of each Paranet Node to enforce this requirement, either by reviewing all messages before release, or by disallowing

Paranet access to users using handles.

2. Personal Attacks are *NOT* allowed in the Net. In any echo dealing with issues as emotional as those with which we deal it is a matter of course that the validity of testimony on the part of certain individuals will be called into question. It is important, however, to remember that *ALL* parties are to be treated with respect. If you wish to question a person's validity, state your reservations AS YOUR OPINION. For example: "John Doe is a totally unreliable witness" could leave you legally vulnerable. "I BELIEVE John Doe to be a totally unreliable witness" is much better, especially if you can add "because...". Please be careful how you judge the parties involved, and attempt to defend your contentions.
3. Any user who is found to have knowingly and deliberately posted false or misleading information regarding the activities of the United States Government, its intelligence agencies and/or operatives, with respect to the investigation of UFOs or other related matters, will be locked out of the network immediately and permanently, and their name circulated to other UFO investigatory groups.
4. Direct Flames are best posted elsewhere. They will not be tolerated in the echos.
5. References should be included if required for clarity. Some users tend to copy the entirety of previous messages before responding, while others never quote anything and simply make comments about previous posts. You should remember that many boards don't hold all messages forever. Quote (if your software allows it) or at least paraphrase (write a simple summary of) the content of the message you refer to. Please DO NOT quote the entire message, as this is just expense for all boards concerned. Quote only the germaine material.
6. Please make all messages conform to the specified content of the Echo Area in which you are posting. Putting the messages in the right pile makes it MUCH easier to make sense out of the stacks of messages.
7. Enforcement. Users who violate these guidelines will be advised of the lapse by the Echo Moderator. After three violation notices, the user is to be locked out of Paranet areas by the sysop. A FIRST lockout will be for THIRTY DAYS. A SECOND lockout will be for NINETY days. The THIRD lockout will be PERMANENT. Sysops who refuse to lock out troublesome users can be dropped from the net by the Paranet Administrator. Users who believe the Moderator has been unfair in requesting a lockout can request that their Sysop plead their case in the Sysop Echo. In such cases, ALL net Sysops will be asked to vote on the matter. Vote of the net is binding on all concerned.

Doug Rogers
Echo Moderator

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From: rbmurdoc@colospgs.edu (Robert B. Murdock)
Subject: Re: corn circles
Date: 3 Dec 90 04:17:21 GMT

+From: rutgers!cbmvax!amix!vanth!jms (James Shaffer Jr.)
+Subject: 63-foot circle in dead corn in Illinois
+Date: 29 Nov 90 08:14:48 GMT

+Yesterday (11/27) I saw a short spot on the local ABC station about a
+crop circle discovered in Moline, Illinois. The circle was 63 feet in
+diameter and was in a cornfield. ...

Now hang on just a second here. I grew up on the south-west outskirts of Champaign, Illinois. Immediately behind Robeson Elementary school there was a huge (seemed to me as a child) cornfield. During the summer & during the first month of school in the fall, me & all my buddies would go playing in the cornfields - hide & seek, tag, kill-the-guy-thats-got-it, WW-II solidiers, whatever. FREQUENTLY, we would encounter areas in the field that were 10, 20, 50 feet or more in diameter where no corn grew, or the growth of the corn was stunted. These areas were 'forts' or "bases" or 'home'.

Anyway, it was common knowledge that these areas ocured for one of two reasons: there was a depression where water could stand for days on end, effectively drowning the corn (this farmer did not practice contour farming). The other reason: the farm implement used to plant the corn gets hosed up &s - & an area that is about as wide as the planter & about as long as it takes the farmer to notice DOES NOT GET PLANTED.

One might think that in the 2nd case, the area would be roughly rectangular, but because the corn seed did not cease coming out of the planter in a uniform manner, & due to wind & erosion, usually, these areas were also roughly circular or oval.

I may need to be corrected, but I think the problem in corn fields is somewhat related to what I understand is called a 'glade' in a deciduous forest. While living (briefly) in Michigan, I came across an area in a nearby forest that was 300-500 feet in diameter, virtually circular, roughly flat, & completely void of trees. The locals explained to me that it had something to do with the water table & mineral deposits near the surface that made that particular area unsuitable for trees (although there was plenty of wild grass).

Concluding: I tend to conclude that merely circular objects in nature are not that uncommon, & do not jump to the conclusion that because I see an interesting shape that appears to be not man-made that it necessarily is not man-made, nor caused by natural forces.

-Robert

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R.MURDOCK (GEnie)

From: Josh.Slates@f11.n289.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Josh Slates)
Subject: Bald head, no eyelashes, eyebrows, and pink lipstick...?
Date: 2 Dec 90 00:22:14 GMT

Tell me Brian... I got down some of the info on the MIB experiences here in Missouri... tell me more. What are some of your theories? Actually, if the people didn't match the MIB specs, what else might they be? Paranormal beings, maybe?

According to Budd Hopkins and several other people who have had run-ins with the MIB, they are described as bald, with no facial hair, real tall, black suit, dark-white shirt, and black tie... with what else but what appears to be pink lipstick? (They also have been described as looking like undertakers on steroids.)

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Subject: Bald head, no eyelashes, eyebrows, and pink lipstick...?
Date: 2 Dec 90 16:19:00 GMT

> Tell me Brian... I got down some of the info on the MIB
> experiences
> here in Missouri... tell me more. What are some of your
> theories?

Actually, first, I should describe to the other readers what the heck we are talking about! What we are dealing with here seems to be some kind of variation on the Men In Black situation. All the information I have right now is unverified and second-person, but let me tell you what I found out....

A young female college student was driving on Hwy 63 around Jefferson City, MO. She saw a middle-aged man standing by the road hitch-hiking. He was well dressed in a white suit and carried an expensive looking suitcase, so she figured it was safe to pick him up. He got in the car and there was little or no discussion between them. Then, after five minutes or so, the hitch-hiker said, "Are you ready for the end of the world?" The girl turned to look at the man, sure that he would be pointing a gun in her direction. When she turned to look, there was no one in the car.

She immediately pulled over and called the Highway Patrol. The Highway Patrol told her that her's was the sixth call describing an event like that around the areas of Jefferson City. A graduate student in medicine who was present in the room when the story was told to me said that he had heard of similar cases at Baler Univeristy in Texas.

Has anyone heard about such events? Any connection with the men in black?

I will try to track down the primary source on this one and get a statement/description of the events for posting....

Brian

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Subject: Online UFO database
Date: 2 Dec 90 18:35:00 GMT

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Brian:

The system Jerry is using the one you freq'd from me. More details to follow.

Jim

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From: Pete.Porro@f414.n154.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Pete Porro)
Subject: Re: ONLINE UFO DATABASE
Date: 30 Nov 90 16:35:34 GMT

Nice thing about this DBASE type file is that I now have TDBS which uses
DbaseIII+ type files. Maybe I can use this also. Next I have to learn the
language when I have all my free time. 8*)

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From: hpvc1md.vcd.hp.com!miked (Mike Dobbs)
Subject: OMNI MAGAZINE - SPECIAL UFO EDITION
Date: 3 Dec 90 22:20:56 GMT

ALERT.....

The December Issue of Omni Magazine is a UFO special edition... so you
might want to pick it up. There are a lot of photos of crop circles.
There are articles about 'cosmic watergate', SETI, Crop circles, "The
Alien Almanac', etc.

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From: John.Tender@f112.n129.z1.FIDONET.ORG (John Tender)
Subject: Re: Online UFO database
Date: 2 Dec 90 22:58:41 GMT

JW> I'm in the process of setting up an online database consisting
JW> of the following UFO data:
JW> Animal Mutilations
JW> UFO Sightings
JW> ET crash / retrieval

Interesting project. I can't help you right now with any dBase
info, but I can offer my assistance in helping maintain the database.

I've recently been working with a free-form database program called
askSam, which appears better suited to text-based reports like those
above. askSam also incorporates a type of hypertext, and a hook for
add-on graphics display. I have some information on unusual aerial
phenomena in a few askSam databases, but they are of an encyclopedic
nature rather than individual reports.

How does someone obtain access to your online system?

from the purlieus of Pittsburgh

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Subject: Re: Information on past Rio Grande sightings
Date: 4 Dec 90 04:00:00 GMT

There was a Hornbuckel Ridge abduction east of Alamogordo, NM in late 1974
or early 1975. I think Hustler or Playboy carried the article. Basically
an Air Force Sargent was in the Sacramento Mountains and was given a tour of
the vehicle and released unharmed. I wouldn't be surprised if you found
information of sightings all along the Rio Grande particularly the
"corridor" (sp) around the Sandia Lab. Isn't it strange that the Rio Grande
is just across a ridge from Socorro, the final resting place of the Roswell
craft. There was a lot of activity in that area a few years ago. The land
is wide open, but a lot is Military, Ft Bliss (related ranges), White Sands
Missile Range, Holloman AFM (Related ranges) Trinity Site and NASA on the Rio
Grande side of the mountain.

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Subject: Re: Online UFO database
Date: 3 Dec 90 22:37:00 GMT

In a message to Jerry Woody <11-30-90 08:13> Brian Clark wrote:

BC]>Will this be available to other ParaNet sysops? I think
BC]>everyone would probably be interested in this....

Sure Brian.. I believe Jim Speiser already has RAD going on his System. I'm in the process of entering the 1989 thru 1990 MUFON Intelligence UFO sighting reports (9 pages long -- over 300 sightings -- eeeek!) and my own animal mutilation cases files... not sure if Jim has all of these but the RAD database is Freq from Jim's board, any DDS board or I can put it up here if anyone wants. It's pretty neat, lets one find files on keyword, displays them by fields, counts occurrences, allows users to add to the database, the whole nine yards.

Anyone is welcome to call down this way and try it out if they like.

Jerry

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